



# May 2024 Newsletter

The Largest and Most Active Off-Road Club in Kansas City!

## MESSAGE FROM MWK'S PRESIDENT

Hello Krawlers,

May is upon us already, we have some great events coming up real soon. Our annual event Go Topless Day is May 18th at shelter #2 at Longview Lake. This will be a day full of fun, food, and family. We have lots of activities planned, so plan on coming out.

Be looking for the information on the MWK Business only FB page about the by-law changes that will be voted on at the May club meeting, you will have to be in attendance to vote. One of the changes is about how the voting will be done in the future.

Something else I want to remind you about is our new program. When a paid club member creates a wheeling event and you have ten or more paid members in attendance each one will receive a \$5.00 off coupon for the swag store. You will need to take a photo, tag everyone in the photo and share it on the public page. We've had a couple already and I'm glad to see more people creating get-togethers to enjoy the trails we have around us.

Who is in for the club trip in July to Windrock? I'm excited to go, I've wanted to go for a few years, and I can't wait to do Tail of the Dragon!

As you know I'm always up for an adventure and I think Windrock will bring on some challenges for all levels of wheeling. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather.

We are hosting our May meeting at Side Pockets in Blue Springs on the 8th and we will be having two club members putting on a presentation for us. If you are interested in doing that please reach out to me and we can get you set up. I really would like to see more "audience participation" at our meetings. If you have an off road related idea that you would like to talk about, share a "hack", do a question and answer about something you are knowledgeable about, bring it on. We'll see you soon, get out and play.

Lisa

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**Brad Dahlman**  
2006 Jeep TJ  
Golden Eagle Edition



### Build Specs

- D30/D44 with 4.56s & ARBs
- 4" lift on 33s, will be on 35s in the next couple of months

This is my second jeep (first was a 97 TJ), owned since 2012. It was my daily through high school and college. I've personally done pretty much everything on the Jeep. Built homemade rear fender flares, steering links, track bars, bumpers, etc. Did my first ever gear and locker setup prior to Frostbite. I need to get out and wheel it more to see what the next mods are going to be. I am hoping to take it out to Colorado or Utah for some wheeling and camping and to see how it does on some terrain different than what we have around here.



Member Spotlight is chosen at random each month. Watch your email to see if you are next!

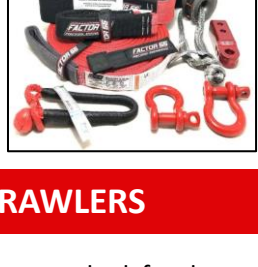
## WHEELING & SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

### Recovery Gear

During the rainy season people sometimes forget about their recovery gear.

When you winch in the mud and rain be sure to get all your equipment out and wash and rinse the mud off and most importantly, let it all air dry before rolling it up and stowing it away.

Same with rain suits and extra clothes and rags in your vehicle. Your tools may have retained moisture inside tool wraps or boxes, so be sure to check them too!



## WELCOME NEW KRAWLERS

MWK has some new members! Be sure to look for them at meetings and on the trail and be sure to say hi!

**April**  
 Anthony Brownlee  
 Joelle Shallah  
 George Ellsworth  
 Steve Kempenar  
 Dani Castro  
 James Steinbeck  
 Brian Snopek  
 Michael Gunter Finwick  
 Jon Diddel  
 Levente Illes  
 Bela Illes  
 Brian Cravens  
 Emma Wise  
 Alex Pearce  
 Matthew Rice  
 Jeffrey Buckallew  
 Steve Garlett

**March**  
 Jessica Hazen  
 Jason White  
 Chris Reynolds  
 Aaron Dunkel  
 Sherry Gonzales  
 Brycen Conroy  
 Tyler Emmons  
 Phillip Bary  
 Janelle Davis  
 Shane Bueter  
 Shelbi Kinney  
 Jen Frank  
 Kiris Lamb  
 Charley Boyd



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### May

- 5/4 - KRocks Adopt-A-Trail (POSTPONED)
- 5/8 - Club Meeting, Side Pockets Blue Springs
- 5/18 - Go Topless Day 2024
- 5/24-5/27 - SMORR Memorial Day Run

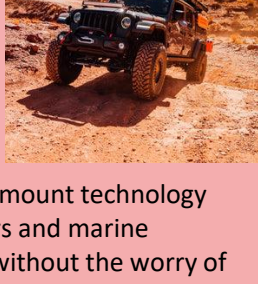
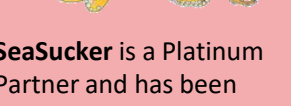
### June

- 6/5-6/9 - Hot Springs June Run
- 6/8 - KRocks Adopt-A-Trail Work Day
- 6/12 - Club Meeting
- 6/20-6/23 - MWK Goes to Branson
- 6/22 - 12th Annual Ride to Fight Suicide

### July

- 7/10 - Club Meeting
- 7/14-7/19 - MWK Tennessee Adventure

## PARTNER FEATURE



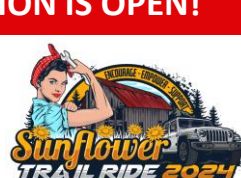
SeaSucker is a Platinum Partner and has been supporting our club for several years now.

SeaSucker's innovative vacuum mount technology seamlessly attaches racks to cars and marine accessories to boats and more without the worry of scratching surfaces or drilling holes. Incredibly strong, versatile and easy to use. You can check out their entire line of amazing products at [SeaSucker.com](http://SeaSucker.com).

As a Member Exclusive Benefit, MWK paid members can use code MWKFan10 to receive a discount on orders.

## SUNFLOWER REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

We are excited to announce some changes for the Sunflower Trail Ride this year. Participants will have two options to attend - multi-day VIP session or single-day.



**Sunflower Trail Ride 2024**  
August 16-18 VIP / August 17 Single-Day  
Kansas Rocks Recreation Park

VIP registrations are limited to 40 participants and single-day will be limited to 150 rigs. All skill levels are welcome and the purpose of this event is focused on getting our female Krawlers out on the trails while raising money for our Driving Change Scholarship.

MWK will be awarding six \$1,000 Driving Change Scholarships for the 2024 graduation year to young women who are pursuing a career in a trade.

To register for the Sunflower Trail Ride, [click here](#).

If you would like to be an event sponsor or donate a raffle item for the event, please contact [mwk@mwkclub.com](mailto:mwk@mwkclub.com).

This event sells out every year so register today!

## EXCLUSIVE MEMBER BENEFIT

As an MWK paid member, you can check out a CORE Equipment tent for your next adventure! [Click here](#) to reserve a tent!



## JUNIOR KRAWLERS

Junior Krawlers we are looking forward to seeing you at Go Topless Day! Make sure you visit Amy at the Rock Painting area to put your artistic skills to the test. Don't forget that this month is Mother's Day. Do something special for Mom, take a picture with her and have help posting to the club Facebook page #MWKMomsRock and the Junior Krawler with the most likes will get a special surprise at the June meeting.

## SWAG ALERT



Several years ago, this amazing decal was given out as a bonus item. Now available for purchase in the Swag Store you can purchase one for yourself.

Visit the Swag Store at [www.midwestkrawlers.com](http://www.midwestkrawlers.com).

## PARTNER SHOUTOUT

"Huge shoutout to 4x4 Land. Had this rusty trusty jeep for a few weeks and in that time they added extended steel braided brake lines, extended shackles from SFR, Adams Drive Shaft, Super Short SYE, new transfer case, realignment of the pinion angels, realignment of the front axle and centering the steering wheel. The amount of care and in depth looking the guys do is amazing. Thank you again!!" Posted on Facebook by Robert Marsh



**4x4 LAND**  
OFF AND ON ROAD ACCESSORIES

## APRIL RECAP

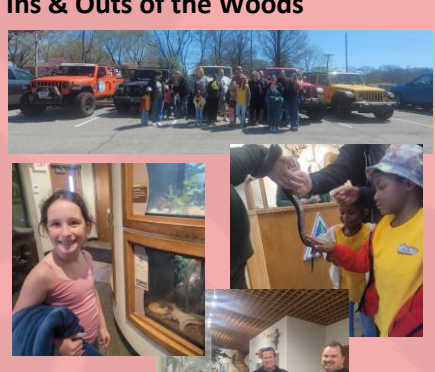
### April Club Meeting



### Vandyz Offroad Park



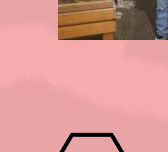
### Ins & Outs of the Woods



### Get the Quack out there!



### What the duck is that button?



Send in your photos! We would love to share your adventures in the MWK Newsletter.

Email them to [sramsey@mwkclub.com](mailto:sramsey@mwkclub.com).

## MWK at The MOORE Expo and MOORE to SMORR



## SUPPORT OUR PARTNERS



The Midwest Krawlers Off-Road Club strives to provide social and educational opportunities, advocate preservation of our public/private lands and parks, and charitably support our local and greater communities.